

Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

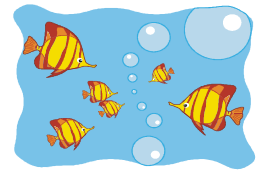
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●Miyazaki Art Festival 2009: “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Exhibition Dates

The art festival will be held from January 28, 2009 (Wed) through February 7, 2009 (Sat) at Carino Miyazaki!
 “A foreigner’s view of Miyazaki” will once again serve as this year’s theme. We are looking for drawings, pictures, and other artwork submissions that display your impressions and thoughts of Miyazaki. See next month’s issue of the Plaza News for more details.
 We ask that any and all foreign residents residing in Miyazaki join us for this event.

●Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out our staff by working at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza. Volunteers should reside within the prefecture and be 18 years of age or older. If you are interested, please fill out the necessary application form and return it to us by Saturday, September 6. Volunteers should be able to speak everyday Japanese.



《In the case of multiple applicants, volunteers will be chosen through a screening process》

- ◇ Volunteer Period: October 1, 2008 (Wed) ~ March 31, 2009 (Tue)
- ◇ Work Time: ①10:00~1:00 ②1:00~4:00 ③4:00~7:00 – One day a week between Tues. & Sat.
- ◇ Tasks: ○General Information ○Visitor Response ○Correspondence Assistance ○Arranging Library Materials
 ○Computer Tasks ○Lending Out Library Items ○Arranging and Forwarding Used Stamps, Prepaid Cards, etc.
- ◇ Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (however, parking and volunteer insurance will be covered by the International Foundation.)
- ◇ Applications & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●Japanese Course for Foreign Residents (Beginner Level) ※Registration Required

We are offering a beginner’s level Japanese course for foreign residents in Miyazaki. For those of you who speak only minimal Japanese or have few opportunities to study the language, here is your chance!



- ◇ Dates: September 2 (Tue.) – November 28 (Fri.); 25 lessons total (No class Sept. 23rd)
- ◇ Time: 10:10 – 12:00
- ◇ Costs: ¥1,000 for texts and materials
- ◇ To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it by mail or fax
- ◇ Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza

●Japanese Course for Foreign Residents in Miyakonojo (Beginner Level) ※Registration Required

- ◇ Dates: September 3 (Wed) ~ December 24 (Wed)
- ◇ Time: 10:30 – 12:30
- ◇ Participants: No Japanese study experience *or* Desire to learn basics of reading/writing
- ◇ Costs: ¥1,000 for texts and materials
- ◇ To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it by mail or fax
- ◇ Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza



●International Understanding Seminar: Feel the World by your Side #2 - Singapore ※Participation Free

We will welcome Su Yu Neo – Miyazaki Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations – and Xinjuan Chua – Kagoshima Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations – as they will head this seminar introducing their home country of Singapore. Why not come on by to hear about the latest happenings in Singapore. ※Lecture will be given in Japanese

- ◇ Date·Time: Saturday, September 6 1:30 ~ 3:00
- ◇ Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Multi-Purpose Room A
- ◇ Participants: Maximum of 30 (※Registration Required)
- ◇ Lecturers: Su Yu Neo (Miyazaki Prefecture CIR) & Xinjuan Chua (Kagoshima Prefecture CIR)
- ◇ To Apply: Contact us by phone, fax, or e-mail with your name, address, and phone number
- ◇ Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

NOTE: For those who come by car, please use the Carino paid parking lot or other paid parking lots in the area. The International Foundation will not be supplying parking vouchers for this event. Thank you for your understanding

●Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents ※Free of Charge, No Registration Required

If you are looking to pick up useful everyday phrases or just want to work on your Japanese, by all means join our Japanese volunteers for a practice session !

- ◇ Dates·Time: Every Tuesday and Friday 10:30 – 11:30
- ◇ Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇ Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza

●Looking for Foreign Volunteers

①Volunteers for International Chat Sessions

We are currently looking for English, Chinese, and Korean speaking volunteers to participate in our “International Chat Sessions.” If you would be interesting in helping out by chatting and having a good time, please let us know.

②Lecturers for International Understanding Courses

Anyone interested in introducing their home country and culture to the people of Miyazaki?

※For further details, please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation.



● **Japanese Course for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka** ※Free of charge

We are offering a Japanese course for foreign residents – a perfect opportunity for those of you who have few chances to practice Japanese.

- ◇Dates & Time: August 7th (Thu), 21st (Thu), and 28th (Thu)
 - Introductory Course: 10:00 ~ 11:00
 - Beginner's Course: 11:00 ~ 12:00※ You can apply for both courses if you wish
- ◇Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇Application & Inquiries: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion office Tel:0982-22-7006



● **Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka** ※Free of Charge

We are holding Japanese practice sessions for foreign residents – why not come by and study together with our volunteer instructors.

- ◇Dates & Time: August 4th (Mon), 11th (Mon), and 25th (Mon) 10:30 ~ 12:00
- ◇Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇Application & Inquiries: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion office Tel:0982-22-7006

● **Charity Screening of the Film “Mas Endang”** ※Free of charge

There will be a charity screening of the film “Mas Endang,” which tells the story of Endang Aripin, an Indonesian fishery trainee who gave his life trying to save the lives of two middle school students from the ocean in Hyuga City, Miyazaki.

- ◇Date & Time: August 12 (Tue) beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)
- ◇Place: Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza, Albright Hall
- ◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki “Mas Endang” Executive Screening Committee
TEL: 080-1725-5133 (Mr. Doukyu) E-mail: doko2@galaxy.ocn.ne.jp



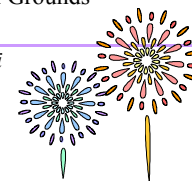
August Events

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
“Light Up Kencho” Concert Under the Stars	Wednesday, August 6 th , 13 th and 20 th 8:00 ~ 9:00	In front of the Kencho, Main Building & Front Garden	Culture, Education, and Int'l Affairs Division; Pref. Policy Department; Miyazaki Pref. Gov't TEL:0985-26-7117
	Sunday, August 10 th 4:00 ~ 6:30 ※NHK Broadcast		
Opera “School for Lovers” (<i>Koibito-tachi no Gakko</i>)	Saturday, August 20 th Doors open: 6:30 Performance: 7:00~	Medikit Arts Center (Isaac Stern Hall)	Miyazaki Prefectural Arts Center TEL:0985-28-3210 ※Entrance Fee Applies
Cape Toi Fire Festival	Fri., August 22 nd 8:00 (Events: 6:30~) Sat., August 23 rd 8:00 (Events: 6:00~)	Cape Toi, Kushima City, Square in front of the <i>Kankou</i> Hotel	Kushima Revitalization Committee TEL:0987-72-0053



Fireworks Festivals in August

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Takazaki Summer Festival	Saturday, August 2 nd Around 9:00 ~ 10:00	General Park Athletic Stadium (Miyakonojo City, Takazaki Town, Omuta)	Takazaki Town Chamber of Com- merce & Industry TEL:0986-62-3131
Miyazaki <i>Nouryou</i> Fireworks Festival	Saturday, August 9 th 8:00 ~ 9:00 (Taiko Festival: 6:45~7:30)	Miyazaki City, <i>Tsurushima-cho</i> , <i>Oyodo</i> River, <i>Kahan</i> Special Grounds	Miyazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Department TEL:0985-22-2161
Summer Festival in <i>Hitotsuba</i>	Saturday, August 23 rd 8:00 ~ 9:00	<i>Hyuga-Hashi</i> Riverbed	<i>Sadowara-cho</i> Tourism Association TEL:0985-73-1114 <i>Shintomi-cho</i> Tourism Association TEL:0983-33-6029
<i>Kadogawa Nouryou</i> Fireworks Festival	Saturday, August 30 th 8:00 ~ 9:00	<i>Kadogawa</i> Fishing Port	<i>Kadogawa-cho</i> Industrial Promo- tion Division TEL:0982-63-1140



● **Pat's Little Rant** Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

● Recent events have forced my hand in ranting against some of my fellow smokers. I'm a smoker, I'm aware of the risks, and I'm not a fan of those who judge a person based on a single dirty habit – everyone has their own dirty habits, be them public or private. Nonetheless, smoking necessitates a social manner in respect to those who happily live a nicotine-free life. To my disrespectful fellow smokers, I have three requests. First, stop throwing cigarette butts on the ground, especially right near ashtrays; it's not that hard to pocket your trash until you can throw it away. The sea of smoked-cigarettes forming a moat around my apartment is not the greatest scenery. Second, don't blow smoke in people's faces and pretend like it didn't happen (this means you middle-aged man standing outside of Carino last Friday!) Finally, for those of you with children, what are you thinking taking your kids into smoking rooms!? If you're addicted to the point that you must drag your child into a smoky box of death just so you can find five minutes of pleasure, perhaps you should seek the help of a professional counselor. What's wrong with you!